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PROCESS FOR THE REALIZATION THEREOF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-6.

Add the following claims:

7. A box-shaped hollow container comprising at least a first discrete outer hollow body and a second discrete inner hollow body interpenetrating with one another to form an integral container structure, said integral container structure having a continuous inner surface without any gap and an external surface patterned in zones or sections comprising portions of said second inner hollow body emerging through openings in the first outer hollow body to form a substantially continuous variously decorated outer

surface, said openings being variously located along said outer hollow body and having various shapes and sizes, said second inner hollow body being formed along the inside of said first outer body and including a continuous inner surface and an outer surface having raised portions in shapes, sizes and thicknesses corresponding to the shapes, sizes and thicknesses of said openings, said raised portions being formed within said openings and peripherally exactly and intimately matching the edges of said openings to form a smooth continuous outer surface along said container structure, said edges of said openings forming an acute angle at the junction of said edges with an outer surface of said first outer hollow body, said inner hollow body and said outer hollow body being both formed of one of glass or plastic material.

8. A container according to Claim 7, wherein said outer hollow body is formed of a material capable of changing its physical state from a flowing fluid during fabrication of the container body to a solid in the container structure.

9. A container according to Claim 7, wherein said inner hollow body is formed of a material capable of changing its physical state from a flowing fluid during fabrication of the container body to a solid in the container structure.

10. A process for the fabrication of a box-like container having a first discrete outer hollow body and a second discrete inner hollow body interpenetrating with one another forming an integral container structure, the container structure having a continuous inner surface without any gap and an external surface patterned in zones or sections comprising portions of the second inner hollow body penetrating through openings in the first outer hollow body, the edges of said openings forming an acute

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angle at the junction of said edges with an outer surface of said first outer hollow body, comprising the steps of:

- (a) casting or injection molding a first flowable glass or plastic material into a mold having a selected shape to form said first outer hollow body and said openings;
- (b) placing said first outer hollow body into a mold conforming to the outer surface of said hollow body; and
- (c) casting or injection molding a second material identical to said first material and compatible with said first material into the inside of said first hollow body filling said openings and forming said continuous inner surface.

Respectfully submitted,

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